

377th Services Squadron members, programs win AFMC honors



DELIA B. ECKERMAN
AFMC Services Civilian
Technician of the Year
Bowling Center

ROBERT ADAME
Dr. Beverly Schmalzried
Services Award
Lodging

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Best Bowling Program in AFMC

Air Force Materiel Command selected Kirtland AFB's bowling program as the best in the command. Staff are: back row, Steve Blake, John Pepper, Apolinar Palacios and Paul Floyd; center row, Albert Kraus, Janet Clark, Tamera Poe and Shari Boing; front row, Sahar Farah, Inez Richardson, "Sponge Bob" and Dee Eckerman.



Fitness, sports best in command

The Kirtland AFB Fitness and Sports programs were selected as best in the AFMC. Program staff are: Top from left: Laura Garcia, Tech. Sgt. Bob Herring, Keith Wilson, Julie Salinas, Dan McDermott, Senior Airman Karine Lafantant and Gabrielle Gutierrez; bottom row from left, Tech. Sgt. Montrealle Park and Lionel Alston.

OF NOTE

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BLOOD

United Blood Services, 768-1408, holds blood drives on Kirtland AFB at:

- ★ Sandia National Labs **every Tuesday**, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
- ★ NCO Academy, **today**, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- ★ Defense Threat Reduction Agency, **May 20**, 7:30-11:30 a.m.

BRIEFINGS

All mandatory Suicide Prevention training is in the theater on:

- ★ **May 26**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- ★ **June 9**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- ★ **June 23**, 7 a.m.
- ★ **July 13**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- ★ **Aug. 11**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- ★ **Sept. 16**, 7 a.m.
- ★ **Sept. 29**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- ★ **Oct. 13**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- ★ **Oct. 21**, 7 a.m.
- ★ **Nov. 3**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- ★ **Nov. 23**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- ★ **Dec. 8**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.
- ★ **Dec. 16**, 7 a.m.
- ★ **Dec. 22**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.

EDUCATION

Airman Leadership School Graduation Ceremony for Class 04-E and lunch is May 20, 11:30 a.m., in the Mountain View Club. Tickets for \$8 a person for club members, \$10 for nonmembers, are available from ALS students and at 377MSS.DPN@kirtland.af.mil. For upcoming class information, visit the ALS Web site at www.mil.kirtland.af.mil/Organizations/als/ALS%20Home.

Developmental education opportunities for officers for 2005-2006 school year require completion of required preference application online. The officer and senior rater must complete the application by **May 21**. Access the application at the AFPC Developmental Education site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pme/.

Scholastic Aptitude Test, June 10, 8:30 a.m., in Room 116B of the Education Center. The test is free and available to active duty military, Guard and Reserve personnel. Register at the Education Center and receive a registration bulletin and sample test. Call 846-9933 or 846-8955.

EVENTS

Asian American Pacific Islander Committee has meetings every Thursday, 11:30 a.m. in Building 20684, Room B101. The Great Aloha Cookout is **May 25**, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Call Tech. Sgt. Ligaya White, 846-4225.

Technology Expo, May 26, presented by Kirtland AFB and Sandia National Laboratories, is 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Ballroom and El Dorado Room at Coronado Club. See products of more than 35 leading manufacturers, developers and system integrators. Admission is free.

Book tent sale at the BX, through tomorrow, includes the first BX arts and crafts bazaar, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Jay Benson Triathlon is a three-mile run, 12-mile bike ride and quarter-mile swim in the pool, May 16, 8 a.m. Registration, open to 400 participants, is at fitness centers, the pool and online at www.poppyfield.com/triclub/.

FAMILY

Pre-deployment briefings are Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. or Thursday, 5 p.m. at the Family Support Center. Call Master Sgt. Lloyd McKenzie or Jane Gates, 846-0741.

Spotlight on Spouses workshop and lunch, May 20, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Family Support Center. Child care is available.

Hearts Apart Family Arcade Night, May 21, 5 p.m. in the Consolidated Support Building Room 120. Families with deployed members can call Master Sgt. Lloyd McKenzie, 846-0741.

Hearts Apart members visit Rio Grande Zoo, May 22 or 23. Call 846-0741.

Spouses corsage or boutonniere, May 27, at the Commissary while supplies last, starting at 10 a.m. for Military Spouses Month.

Educate yourself on inhalant abuse. Visit the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition site at www.inhalant.org. A local e-mail is nmipc@comcast.net.

MEETINGS

American Federation of Government Employees Local 2263 meets the second Tuesday of each month, 4:15 p.m., in the Civil Air Patrol Conference Room, Building 926. All bargaining unit employees are encouraged to attend. Call 846-4363, fax, 853-2343 or afge.2263@kirtland.af.mil. The union's Web site is www.afge2263.org.

ODDS/ENDS

Welcome Home Discount Package is offered by the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque through Sept. 5. The hotel special for military personnel returning from deployment is \$99 for two people, an American-themed food amenity and breakfast for two in McGrath's restaurant or through room service. Government identification is required to receive the discount price. Package is based on space availability, doesn't include tax and gratuity, is not applicable for groups or conventions and cannot be combined with any other discount offer. Call 842-1234.

Volunteer Appreciation Month nominations are being accepted for the **June 4** ceremony and cookout at the Rio Grande Community Center. Contact Family Support, 846-0741.

Memorial Day Ceremony volunteers are needed at the Veterans Memorial Park on Louisiana, 9 a.m. Needed are 50-60 state flag bearers, 10 wreath bearers and escorts. Call Senior Master Sgt. William Cole, 853-5591.

Daily seatbelt use checks

327th Air Base Wing Safety Office has checked 4239 vehicles for seatbelt use and found 116 violations as of May 12.

The Individual Equipment Unit relocated to Building 1015, 4200 Randolph Ave. SE. Call 846-0075. For emergency requests for deployment issues, call Christine Schneider, 846-0135 or 991-0609.

Military Equal Opportunity and Equal Employment Opportunity offices have moved to the 377th Air Base Wing Headquarters Building 20604. For information, call 846-5501 for MEO and 846-5369 for EEO.

Computer class for military spouses, May-September, are offered in the Distance Learning Center. Call 846-0741 or 846-0751 to register.

Tobacco cessation program at the Health and Wellness Center, Building 20238 next to the East Fitness Center is five-weeks. Group session includes understanding addiction, behavior and stress management, fitness, nutrition and relapse prevention techniques. Classes are **Wednesdays**, 11:30 a.m., and **Thursdays**, 5:30 p.m. Call 846-1186.

Budgeting 101, May 18, 1:30 p.m. in the Family Support Center. Register at 846-0741.

Federal Jobs Application Preparation Workshop, May 19, 1:30-4 p.m. in the Family Support Center. Register at 846-0741.

Sponsor Training, May 25, is 10 a.m. in the Family Support Center. Be the commander's ambassador, welcoming newcomers to the installation. Register four or five months in advance of newcomers' arrival and receive information from Family Support for the job. Call 846-0741.

Starting a Small Business Workshop, May 26, 9-11:30 a.m. in the Family Support Center. Register at 846-0741.

Welcome to New Mexico Tour, May 26, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. starting from the Family Support Center. Register at 846-0741.

Interviewing Skills Workshop, May 27, 8-11 a.m. in the Family Support Center. Register at 846-0741.

Home Sellers Seminar, May 27, 1-3 p.m. in the Family Support Center. Register at 846-0741.

PERSONNEL

Palace Chase Early Out briefing May 1, 1 p.m. in the 377th Air Base Wing conference room. Reference Air Force Instruction 36-3205. Retraining may be an option. Call Master Sgt. Vera Romano, 846-0544.

Air Force Reserve is an option for continuing your military career part-time while keeping most of your

benefits. Retraining maybe be an option. Call Master Sgt. Vera Romano, 846-0544.

Thrift Savings Plan Open Season is through June 30. Federal Employees Retirement System employees may contribute up to 14 percent of their basic pay—Civil Service Retirement System employees nine percent.

A comprehensive pre-deployment civilian checklist is at <https://www.dp.hq.af.mil/dpp/dppr/docs/civmob.cfm>.

Deploying civilians can call Becca Hosek, at Air Force Materiel Command, DSN 986-2798.

Civil service employees performing military duty are placed on Leave Without Pay-Uniformed Services unless the employee chooses to be separated. Submit a Request for Personnel Action, SF-52. For information, contact Alfreda L. Fain, 846-8953.

Career job reservations are required for all first term Airmen during their designated window. After **May 31**, members who are beyond their CJR window and do not have an approved CJR or an approved retraining on file will separate on their date of separation. Contact the Military Personnel Flight Reenlistments Office for more information.

ROADS

The Post Office vehicle mailbox traffic route has been reconfigured with directional arrows on the pavement to help customers safely handle their postal business. The driveup mailbox is now located south of the building in the large parking lot adjacent to the Post Office and west of the Consolidated Support Building. An additional mailbox has been added. Access is from 2nd and 1st streets. Traffic through the Post Office remains one-way.

Lowry Street between Carlisle Boulevard and Maxwell Street is closed until May 19. Traffic is routed to Kirtland Drive and Aberdeen Avenue while a gas line is installed in the area. Follow detour signs and drive carefully in the construction zone.

VOLUNTEERS

The 377th Air Base Wing Inspector General office seeks an energetic, highly motivated senior noncommissioned officer for the position of Complaints and Inquiries superintendent. Duties include receiving complaints, drafting allegations, conducting investigations, documenting findings, processing congressional inquiries and budget management. Application deadline is **May 21**. Interviews are conducted June 2-4 for the position that will be filled **July 19**. Call Rebecca Auringer or Col. William Cleckner, 846-2411.

Volunteer escorts for Scout troops are needed to help scouts visiting Kirtland AFB while enroute to summer destinations. Contact Kirtland AFB Scout liaison 1st Lt. Robert Hill at 846-5094.

The Tribute to Women in the Military Committee needs an active duty woman senior office for chairman, co-chairman and committee members for the 2005 event. Call Marsha Thole at 856-3352 or Betty Brooks at 821-1092.